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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For:

DEVICE FOR COATING OPTICAL FIBERS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two (2) months, extending the time for responding to the Final Office Action dated December 1, 2003 to May 3, 2004, since May 1, 2004 fell on a Saturday.

A check for the statutory fee of \$310.00 (\$420.00 less \$110.00 submitted on March 8, 2004) is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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